HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 12746 of 2007

Dated 02.07.2007

Between:

H.Satheesh Babu.

...Petitioner

and

The Divisional Forest Officer and another.

...Respondents

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WRIT PETITION No. 12476 of 2007

O R D E R:

The vehicle of the petitioner bearing No.AP 7 TT 3676 was seized by the second respondent on 18.01.2007, on the ground that it was used in transporting red sander. Proceedings under the relevant provisions of the A.P.Forest Act, 1967 (for short 'the Act') were initiated before the first respondent. The petitioner seeks release of the vehicle, pending finalisation of the proceedings.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Forests.

Time and again, the Supreme Court came heavily against the practice of releasing the vehicles involved in the forest offences as an interim measure. The proceedings under Section 44 of the Act are still pending before the first respondent. This Court is not inclined to accede to the request of the petitioner.

Hence, the writ petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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02.07.2007

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